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FOLLOWING REPEAT SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR IATF CAMP PENDLETON

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REFUGEES

(A) STATE 133652

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1. PER GUIDELINES REFTTEL (A), CAMP PENDLETON HAS SOLICITED
REFUGEE REGISTRATION OF RELATIVES STRANDED IN THIRD COUNTRIES.
WE PRESENTLY HAVE 406 CASES, COVERING 1139 REFUGEES EITHER AT
PENDLETON OR PROCESSED THROUGH HERE. THE 406 CASES REPRESENT
REQUESTS FOR SOME 1115 STRANDED REFUGEES. WE HAVE SPONSORS,
OR POTENTIAL SPONSORS, FOR 129 CASES OF THE 406. FOR THE
REMAINING CASES, IT IS OUR FEELING, BASED ON A THOROUGH INTER-
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VIEW BY RED CROSS CASE WORKER ENCOURAGING REFUGEE HERE TO SEEK
SPONSOR, THAT FAMILY REUNIFICATION WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
STIMULUS FOR THESE PEOPLE TO SEEK SPONSORSHIP.

2. IN THE CASES IN WHICH WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A SPONSOR OR

CANDIDATE, WE HAVE SO INFORMED BOTH POST AND DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTED THAT THE CONCERNED REFUGEES ABROAD BE GIVEN PRIORITY FOR MOVEMENT TO THE U.S. (I.E., CAMP PENDLETON).

3. IN REFTEL (B) WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED IN MOVING REFUGEES TO U.S. WHILE PENDLETON DUE TO RECEIVE ALL CAMBODIANS, 318 OF OUR 406 CASES ARE VIETNAMESE. WE ARE PREPARED TO BUNDLE FILES AND INVOLVED REFUGEES ON TO CHAFFEE, YET THAT LARGELY INVALIDATES SPONSORSHIP WORK WE HAVE DONE AS WELL AS ANY EFFORTS VOLAGS HAVE MADE INDEPENDENTLY. (VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE AT LEAST VOLAG REGISTERED). IN SHORT, PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS SEEM DESTINED TO FURTHER DELAY ULTIMATE SUCCESSFUL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE AND FAMILY.

4. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT POST IS AWARE OF ORIGIN OF REQUEST, IT SEEMS MORE SENSIBLE TO US TO INSTRUCT EACH POST, AND ICEM, TO ARRANGE TO DROP OFF AT EL TORO REFUGEES WHOSE REQUESTING RELATIVES ARE AT PENDLETON, AND TRANSPORT REMAINING PAX TO CHAFFEE. THIS WOULD NEGATE BOTH OUR TRANSPORTING FILES AND REFUGEES TO CHAFFEE OR ATTEMPTING TO EFFECT FAMILY REUNIFICATION FROM CHAFFEE AFTER REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED THERE WITH THE ATTENDANT COSTS OF AIR TRANSPORT FROM CHAFFEE BACK TO PENDLETON.

5. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OUR SUGGESTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT SO INSTRUCT POSTS AND PASS TO ICEM.
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